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Maryland Senate 11 Bladen St. Annapolis, MD. 21401

<u>In Support of SB 832 / HB 1098</u>: Higher Education – Chronic Health Issues - Case Manager – Support Services

Members of the Maryland Senate's Education, Health, Environment Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1400 plus members fully support SB 832.

We support any bill that improves inclusion and equity in education for persons living with disabilities. I am quite positive that any parent or education stakeholder will have an interest in seeing that legislation is being crafted to help support all of Maryland's citizens. Including those seeking higher learning while trying to make a better life for themselves while working toward independent living.

For those citizens, case managers and on campus support services are as basic a need as eyeglasses for sight, or elevators for those who walking stairs is a challenge. This is about improving engagement and seeing more citizens included in their education and career decisions.

We thank the Delegate and Senator for bringing forward such a positive and transformative piece of legislation. It truly will have a positive impact on all of our citizens and help give them agency in all education decisions in their lives.

We ask that the committee please return a favorable report, and support SB 832.

Thank you all for your time and consideration of our testimony.

Respectfully,

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